

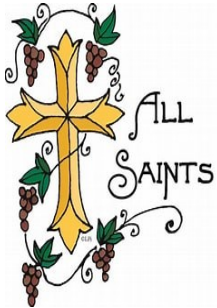


IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS NOVEMBER 2024



All Saints

All Saints Sunday (November 3) celebrates the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church founded by Jesus as his Body in the world. We therefore celebrate those who have joined the Church in the past year and those who have graduated from the Church on earth to the Church in heaven.



Those who have joined Immanuel through Holy Baptism in the past 12 months:

**Kori Petersen, Ellison Nelson, Leni Hansen, Cade Hastert,
Kaitlyn Usher, Adriana Vorm, Ariel Vorm, Hugh Petersen**

Those who have joined Immanuel in the past 12 months:

**Ann Holt; Matt, Mary, and Hazel Hoch; Tony & Taylor Hansen;
Santino Ngelo; Jima Leko; Stephen Lewo**

Those who have passed from Immanuel to the Church Triumphant in the past 12 months:

**Jackie Larsen, Pam Jacobsen, Jeanette, Kroger, Harold Peters, Irene Hansen,
Patti Kumm, Marg Olson, Vernon Brue, Joanne Christensen, Dorraine Wigg**

Worship in November

All Saints November 2-3	"A Word from Daniel"	Communion
November 9-10	Jared Walters	Bells
November 16-17	"A Word from Hosea"	Communion
November 23-24	"A Word from Joel"	Choir
November 27 (5:00 p.m.) Thanksgiving Eve	"The Necessity of Thanksgiving"	Pie Potluck afterwards
November 30-December 1 Advent I	"A Word from Amos"	Communion

Pie Potluck



Our Service of Thanksgiving is Wednesday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m. We invite folks to bring a pie and after the service, we will have a pie potluck. All are welcome with or without a pie. There will be plenty of pie to go around.



November 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Four of us from Immanuel joined over 600 people at the 2024 LCMC Gathering in Marion, Iowa. The official theme was "Engaging Your Cultural Moment." However, the Holy Spirit's agenda seemed to be focused on "Leading Through Our Weakness."

Pastor Kyle Fever spoke about his experience of a family crisis. He went from being the pastor with the answers to being a hurting pastor who struggled to believe. Weakness doesn't disqualify us. It frees us from illusions of control. It opens the door to the power of God. What weakness are we running from?

Pastor Stephen Witmer spoke about the gift of weakness. He noted how counter-cultural the apostle Paul was in talking about his own weakness. Every congregation has weaknesses. Small congregations can't hide theirs as well as large ones. God doesn't need our strength. God has plenty of power. But God needs our weakness to meet the weaknesses of the world. Will you yield your weakness to God? We need God's power to change hearts, but that power is only available to those who lean into their own weakness.

One of my favorite things about LCMC gatherings is hearing from young LCMC pastors. Our Bible Study leader was another outstanding young pastor named Gabrielle Arland. She spoke about Paul's ministry of weakness in 1 and 2 Corinthians and in Acts 17. We also heard from Pastor Renee Behrends whose congregation in Spencer, Iowa was devastated by flooding. But God is working through our weakness.

LCMC is now 1001 congregations in 16 countries. We heard several folks talk about their search for good pastors. There is no shortage of pastors in the larger cities, but there is a real shortage in rural and small-town areas. One Nebraska congregation has waited 2 years for a pastor and they now have 2 candidates. One is 74 and the other is 81 years old.

LCMC has 5 goals for the next few years: 1.) Developing Districts and Fellowships to help congregations and leaders connect with one another; 2.) Developing and caring for congregational leaders; 3.) Strengthening us in our theological distinctives; 4.) Welcoming and supporting congregations; and 5.) Growing our generosity.

Speaking of generosity, LCMC has several special funds including a Church Planting Fund and a Lutheran Disaster Assistance (LDA) Fund. Over the past few years, over \$1 million has been given to the LDA Fund.

One of the highlights of the convention was a hymn-sing in a packed sanctuary singing with 600 powerful voices. The 2025 LCMC gathering will be back at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville, MN, October 5 to 8. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Yours in Christ, *Phil Nielsen*



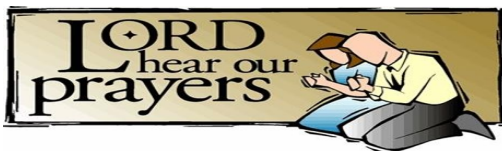
Happy Birthday to the following:

Betty Andersen will be 99 on November 3.
 Arlene Warner will be 95 on November 5.
 Dwayne Larsen will be 94 on November 12.
 Marge Ahrenholtz will be 88 on November 13.
 Ruthe Pattison will be 93 on November 17.
 Mary Ann Beaman will be 86 on November 21.
 Dave Pedersen will be 82 on November 24.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tyler and Baylee (Hoegh) Andersen who joined their lives together in marriage at Immanuel on Saturday, October 19.

THANK YOU for the cards and gifts, and the affirmation and encouragement shared with me last month as part of Pastor Appreciation Month. I appreciate all of you too.

Phil Nielsen



ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Linda Christensen, Larry Haas, Ruthe and Pat Pattison, Christine Jones, Dave Pedersen, Ellie Nelson, Phil Smith, Arlynn Gittens, Ken Vorm, Lorene Thiede, Kayla Weis, Sandra Haney, Kay Koos, Connie Benson, Bill Broveak (son-in-law of Ed & Sheila Mills), Wade Mills (son of Ed & Sheila Mills), Megan Leslie (Steve Allen's niece), Ken Johannsen (Seth Johannsen's father), Dan Abendroth (Sandy Sisson's brother), Jim Halagarda (friend of Kirk Jacobsen), and Curt Olson (Sue Olson's son).

Dates for your calendar:

November 3—All Saints Day
 November 10—Operation Christmas Child Gifts Due
 November 13—ILCW meeting at 9:30 a.m.
 November 16—Tanzania Pie Making
 November 23 and 24—Thank offering Weekend
 November 27—Service of Thanksgiving Pie Potluck at 5:00 p.m.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a campaign of Samaritan's Purse to give gift boxes to children around the world who may not know anything about the celebration of Christmas. You are invited to take a gift box and pack it with small toys, personal care items, clothing, or school supplies. Each box includes instructions. Please return your packed shoe box to the church by November 10 and include in it \$10 for shipping. Checks can be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Confirmation Class of 2024

Trevor Herbst: "Being a Christian is more than just a religion. It is about the relationship we have with God."

Katie Stern: "I believe in a God who is bigger than anything. I have hope because I have faith in a God who loves me and will fight for me."

Grant Chipman: "Jesus is God's only Son, who God sent to die for us on a cross to forgive our sins. So we could believe in God again."

Drake Nippert: "When I think about faith, I see it as more than just believing in a higher power; it's about trust, hope, and connection."

Gavin Sisson: "The purpose of our existence is to understand God's promise for us and fulfill it to the best of our ability."

Aubrey Petsche: "Artists put part of their being into their art. God couldn't keep himself away; he had to paint himself (Jesus) into the picture. God is the first artist and his painting was creation. To love the artist is to love the art. His art is life. Therefore, because we are Christians who love God, our purpose is to love life. However, we are more than admirers. We are also the art."



WORSHIP SERVICES at Immanuel are streamed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ilcharlan) Sunday mornings. They are also recorded for viewing on HMU channel 15 (9:30 a.m. Sunday and 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday) and on FMCTC channel 48 (4:00 p.m. Wednesday). Our worship is also posted on www.harlanimmanuel.org/sermons.html.



Church News

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The Immanuel Church Council met October 8 with 11 of 13 members present. John Taggs led devotion focused on the apostle Thomas. November devotions will be led by Craig Olson.

Rich and Barb, Amy, John, Trent, and Vicki volunteered for Sunday morning deacon duties.

Treasurer's Report: October \$19,569 and expenses were \$21,331 leaving us with a net loss for 2024 of \$4,490. General Fund is at \$88,308 and Capital Reserve is at \$76,397.

Worship/Evangelism Report: The Mission Sunday with Pastor Jordan Long and the South Sudanese Choir was outstanding.

Fellowship/Education Report: Way too much good food at the Fall Fellowship Potluck Dinner. We have purchased new story Bibles for children to use while at Church. Planning on a Pie Potluck after the Thanksgiving Eve service.

Stewardship/Outreach Report: October Mission Partners are West Central Community Action and Shelby County Community Outreach. We will invite the congregation to give toward disaster relief in the Spencer, Iowa floods and the Southeast hurricanes. We will also invite people to participate in Operation Christmas Child.

Property Report: Urinal in the men's restroom has been repaired. Sewer line cleanout was only partially successful. We will probably have to replace the sewer line. Security cameras have been installed. Wifi access points have been installed. Carpet cleaning is scheduled.

Executive Report: We will conduct employee reviews this month.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported on the LCMC Annual Gathering. He also recommended Stephen Lewo for membership at Immanuel.

WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
September 28-29	20	+	141	= 161	\$ 2,484.00	\$	\$ 2,484.00
October 5-6	24	+	125	= 149	\$ 4,265.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 4,475.00
October 12-13	20	+	123	= 143	\$ 3,261.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 3,306.00
October 19-20	19	+	107	= 126	\$ 4,086.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 4,256.00



ILCW NEWS

- **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make the Harvest Luncheon/Bazaar a success. The event involved **MANY** from our Immanuel family. All proceeds will go towards our various ILCW mission projects.
- **ILCW** will be meeting Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's always a fun meeting with visiting, good treats, and an interesting program. Hope to see you there!
- **THANK OFFERING WEEKEND** is November 23 and 24. There is a "Thank Offering" envelope included with your offering envelopes. The donations are given to a local group in need. Your envelopes can also be left at church or sent to Kathy Block: 1091 Kingwood Road., Harlan, Iowa 51537.
- **ILCW ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA** will be Saturday December 7 at 10:00 a.m. More information will be coming, but please put it on your calendars, so you don't miss the favorite event.

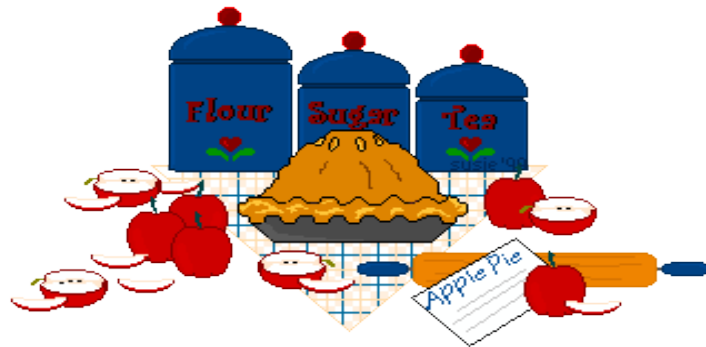


- **POINSETTIAS:** We will be taking orders for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas during the month of November.





TANZANIA HAPPENINGS



Pie time!!! The annual pie making fundraiser for Tanzania is **Saturday, November 16**, from 9 am to 4pm in the church fellowship hall. We will be making cherry, apple and rhubarb. We would love to have you join us for some fun and fellowship, there are opportunities for everyone.

Peeling apples, rolling crusts, mixing filling, putting stickers on containers, crimping crusts and brushing on egg wash, just to name a few. Join us for the day or for a couple of hours. Lunch will be provided.

We will be ready to start selling pies after lunch on Saturday, November 16. So after lunch, stop by to take yours home. Otherwise the pies will be available after church or anytime during the week at the church office. The pies are \$14 each. The proceeds will go to Kidugala for our orphan project.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 5:00 Communion
3 8:00 Choir 9:00 Communion/Jam 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	4 5:00 Garden Club	5 Election Day 9:00 CF Quilters 6-9 District Scouts	6 3:30 GROW 4:00 Women's Bible 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO	7 6:00 TZ Team	8	9 5:00 Worship
10 8:00 Choir 9:00 Worship/Jam 10:00 Coffee Fellowship No Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	11	12 9:00 CF Quilters 6:30 Executive Bd 7:00 Church Council	13 9:00 ILCW Bd Mtg 9:30 ILCW Gathering No GROW 4:00 Women's Bible 5:15 6th Grade Conf. 6:30 LYO	14 Newsletter Deadline	15	16 TZ Pie Making Day Memorial Service for John Munto 5:00 Communion
17 8:00 Choir 9:00 Communion/Jam 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	18	19 9:00 CF Quilters	20 3:30 GROW 4:00 Women's Bible 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO	21 Assemble Newsletter 6:30 Ladies Homestead	22	23 5:00 Worship
24 8:00 Choir 9:00 Worship/Jam 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	25 1:00 Mission Quilters	26 9:00 CF Quilters 2:00 Bunco	27 5:00 Thanksgiving Worship & Pie Potluck	28 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	29 Office Closed	30 5:00 Communion

Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	Nov. 30-Dec. 1	December 7-8	December 14-15	December 21-22	Dec. 24 (4:00 p.m.)
Acolytes	Abbey Brue Collin Burchett	Kolton Jensen Cora Clay	Truman Kjergaard Pyper Montgomery	Cade Neve Jace Palmer	Zoey Olson Maggie Petersen
Saturday Greeter/Usher	Ken Hursey	Al/Bonnie Ickes	Kirk Jacobsen	Gayl Jensen	
Saturday Altar Guild	Cheryl Nielsen		Maggie Hatcher		
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	Andrea & Cole Lowary Jon & Kara Meiners	Larry Meurer Dave & Angie Monson	Pam Meurer Rhonda Mock	Cathy Murray Michelle Musich	Phil & DeAnn Nielsen
Sunday Altar Guild	Donna Nelson Stacy Torneten		Jan Applegate Kathy Block		Cora Chapman Janet Johannsen
Scripture Reader (Sunday)	Dave Greve	Hertha Haas	Tim Herbst	Kayla Jacobs	Jennifer Malone
Communion Servers (Sunday)	Brooke Reinert Scott or Megan Shannon		Jared Walters Dave Greve		Jim and Becky Chipman
Coffee Hosts (Sunday)	Colin & Roberta King	Sandy Nelson Karma Petersen	Greg & Donna Nelson	Verne & Ilene Nelson	
Sound	Kayla Weis	Kayla Weis	Kayla Weis	Kayla Weis	Kayla Weis
Video	Rick Chipman	Rick Chipman	Rick Chipman	Rick Chipman	Rick Chipman
Projection	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen(Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)
Council Person	Amy Kaster	John Taggs	Trent Svendsen	Rich & Barb Furst	